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SUBJECT: US-JAPANESE SOVIET ENERGY PROJECTS

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1. LATEST MOSCOW VISIT OF TOKYO GAS CHAIRMAN ANZAI (REFTEL) LASTED ONE DAY. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE POLITICO-ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AZZAI SPENT JAN 31 WITH DEP FON TRADE MINISTER OSIPOV BEFORE DEPARTING, AND WHILE NO DOCUMENTS WERE SIGNED, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN PRINCIPLE THAT JAPANESE WOULD FINANCE ONE HALF OF IMPORTS FOR REQUIRED FURTHER EXPLORATION OF YAKUTIA GAS DEPOSITS AND THAT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1974 JAPANESE TECHNICIANS WOULD JOIN SOVIET TEAMS FOR ADDITIONAL PROSPECTING WORK NECESSARY. NATURE OF JAPANESE "COOPERATION" IN PROSPECTING ACTIVITIES REMAINS TO BE DEFINED.

2. JAPANESE GROUP DISCUSSING SAKHALIN OIL EXPLORATION WILL LEAVE MOSCOW FEB 6 WITHOUT CONCLUDING FORMAL PROTOCOL. RESULTS OF WEEK-LONG TALKS WITH SUSHKOV OF FON TRADE MINISTRY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEP MIN OF PETROLEUM MINISTRY D.A. TAKOYEV AND DEP MIN OF

GEOLOGY V.I. IGREVSKIY INCONCLUSIVE ALTHOUGH GENERAL UNDER-
STANDING REACHED THAT JAPANESE FIRMS WILL PROVIDE OFF-SHORE
EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT FOR LEASE OR PURCHASE BY SOVIETS AND THAT
GEOPHYSICAL-SEISMIC EXPLORATION SHOULD BEGIN IN 1974. AMONG
MAJOR QUESTIONS NOT YET RESOLVED IS EXTENT AND NATURE OF
US (PRESUMABLY GULF) PARTICIPATION.
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